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1. IN RESPONSE REF (A), SUBJECT OF KOREAN ATTITUDES AND INTENTIONS REGARDING USG-ROKG ROOPERATION IN FISHERIES WAS DISCUSSED WITH U.S. FISHERIES TEAM ON OCCASION THEIR VISIT HERE, JULY 30-31 (SEE REF (B)). EMBASSY EXPLAINED THAT IT HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN ANY RECENT SHIFT IN KOREAN ATTITUDES OR INTENTIONS WITH REGARD SUCH COOPERATION. COR-DIAL AND FRIENDLY TREATMENT ACCORDED U.S. FISHERIES TEAM (SEE REF (B)) SUPPORTS THAT JUDGMENT.

2. AS DEEP SEA FISHING INDUSTRY HAS GROWN, ROKG HAS MADE EFFORTS TO WIDEN CONTACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL FISHING COMMUNITY, AND RECENT CONTACTS WITH FRENCH ARE AN EXAMPLE OF THIS. WITH MORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE, ROKG IS DOING SOME SHOP-PING AROUND FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. USG ARRANGEMENT
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FICALLY EARMARKED FOR FISHERIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPARENTLY CREATES SOME BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS WITHIN ROKG FOR OFFICE OF FISHERIES ADMINISTRATION? THUS, IT MAY BE MORE CONVENIENT AT TIMES TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SOURCES. THIS SEEMS TO BE, AT LEAST, PARTIAL MOTIVATION IN EXPLORING OTHER OPTIONS FOR ASSISTANCE IN SPECIFIC AREA OF SHELLFISH SANITATION.

3. AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF OTHER SOURCES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS CONFIRMED THAT CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PRESENTLY PLANNING TO EXTEND \$1 MILLION TO ROKG. IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FISHERIES AREA. CANADIAN FISHERIES TEAM, INCLUDING ANDREW DUTHIE, INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES BRANCH OF ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, T.H. BUTLER, FISHERIES RESEARCH BOARD, D.B. QUAYLE, PACIFIC BIOLOGICAL STATION AND CAROLYN MACASTIE, CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, VISITED SEOUL JULY 18-23 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PROJECTS. SHELLFISH SANITATION PROJECT WAS AMONG THOSE SUGGESTED BY ROKG, BUT TWO SIDES REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED MEETINGS WITH TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO CONCENTRATE ASSISTANCE ON IMPROVING INFORMATION AND STATISTICAL SYSTEM. THAT PROPOSAL IS SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVIEW BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

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